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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A compact turbo-molecular pump having a high
depressurizing capability. A motor for rotating a rotor
vane includes an air bearing. The air bearing has a rotary
cylinder and a fixed surface surrounding the rotary
cylinder. The material of the rotary cylinder has a
coefficient of thermal expansion that is smaller than that
of the material of the fixed surface. Thus, change in the
dimensions of the rotary cylinder is smaller than that of
the fixed surface even if the temperature of the air bearing
rises during operation of the pump. Thus, the rotary
cylinder avoids contact with the fixed surface.

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